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Course Focuses On R. I. Insects

Seven students at the Summer School are engaged in the study of Rhode Island insects in a course of systematic entomology which is being taught by Prof. Herbert Knutson, assistant professor of zoology.

These students, both graduate and undergraduate, are using as a text, the publication put out by the Connecticut Department of Agriculture, "Insects of Connecticut," as a verbal guide to the identification of insects. The course consists primarily of naming Rhode Island insects right down to kind and species Rhode Island does not have a publication similar to that of Connecticut. However, plans are in progress to provide one as soon as possible, Prof. Knutson said.

Because there are more than a million species of insects in the U. S. and many thousands in Rhode Island it would be impossible to name them all. However, certain families of insects are studied and classified by the group.

Grasshoppers and larvae have already been studied by the class. They will also study before the Summer School session is over scarab beetles, bumblebees and plant bugs.

Although the course consists primarily of books and looking at the college collection, the people do quite a lot of collecting specimens on the outside and bringing them into class. This sort of work makes the course more interesting and prevents it from becoming a "museum course," as Prof. Knutson put it.

The students taking it as a graduate course name more difficult groups than the undergraduates. They are at the present time working on June bugs.

The class is valuable to those persons who are going into the field of insect control. According to Prof. Knutson, a person must know what a bug is before he can control it. Many insects look much alike and entail careful work with texts and comparison with collections made by an authority before it is possible to positively identify them.

Speaking of the need for a publication on Rhode Island insects, Prof. Knutson said that he entertained a hope for such a publication. Work on it will take many years and will be done by students and faculty alike at the State College in conjunction with the Rhode

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Festival of American Music

AUGUST 8—

8:30 p. m.—Concert of Contemporary Music by composer-conductors
Walter Hendl, Norman Dello Joio, pianists;
Arthur Kreutz, violinist
Admission charge

AUGUST 9—

12:00 noon—R. I. Federation of Music Clubs meeting and picnic lunch.
2:00 p. m.—New England Folk Music "Gatherin'"
Ballad singers, fiddlers' club, square dance teams.
No admission charge

8:30 p. m.—Contemporary Band Music
Admission charge

AUGUST 10—

3:00 p. m.—Concert of All-American Music
By Summer Music Camp students (Choir and Orchestra)
Admission charge

Admission Charges:

General fee for all concerts—\$1, including tax.
Fee for single concerts—60c, including tax.

Tickets:

At the office of the Director of Music, Edwards Hall.

Campus Mirror

"Oh wad some Power the giftie gie us
To see oursel's as others see us!"

Your reporter has been trying this week to do just that, to help us here at Rhody see ourselves as the visiting summer students see us. And to his sorrow your reporter has found that our spotless Rhody has blemishes quite apparent to another's eye. We as a whole are accused by them of being unfriendly, offish, they say, ambling along slowly like a turtle in a protective shell. We stick our heads out now and then to aid direction and quickly withdraw within our own circle again. Yet contradicting this they claim that when we do unbend enough to indulge in friendly chit chat our verbal speed is such that they have difficulty in following us. Sometimes they merely grasp both ends, losing the middle entirely.

They, too, find us juvenile for our mental age—"unsophisticated" was the jaw breaker they hurled at your scribe. But that to my way of thinking is not entirely a fault, it could well be an added charm. Perhaps that is why they, the outside women students, find the courses easy. Perhaps they are so adult and mature that courses pruned down to our childish grasp are as nothing to them.

Then, too, a number of these newcomers are from city colleges which lack the informality and naturalness of our country life. If they should stay on our campus through the year they would soon learn to find the same joy in the simple things that we do. They have, however, no adverse criticism of our faculty—how could they?

At home we grumble most, so we here at home, at Rhody, mumble and grumble about the food. But when questioned on this same topic our guests sing rhapsodies about this humble fare at which we scoff. Hearing their praises, which we realize must arise by comparison with their own cafeterias, we should try in the future to remember that nothing is so bad that it couldn't be worse. The end of this questioning points a moral—let us cease grumbling and realize that we are not so badly off.

One and all our visitors agree that Rhody herself has a beautiful campus and setting, supplemented by R. I. beaches. She leaves little to be desired in summer beauty.

"Mirror, mirror on the wall, who is the fairest of them all?" and the answer is unanimous: R. I. State.

Labor Institute Sessions Held

Informally conducted classes were the keynote of the workers' institute last week under the sponsorship of the Textile Workers Union of America, CIO, which is conducting institutes in many colleges and universities throughout the country this Summer.

Approximately 85 union members from Rhode Island and other nearby State locals attended classes throughout the week on subjects designed to aid these people in making their unions stronger. Interest reached a high pitch many times and discussions were as lively as these persons strived to gain more and more knowledge of labor problems and how they affected their unions.

Classes were conducted by education officials of the national union and several State College professors, for the most part, in Quonset Hut classrooms. These classes were on subjects such as collective bargaining, labor legislation, public speaking, labor movements and the TWUA, and building a strong union.

In the class concerning collective bargaining, real negotiations between union and plant managers were simulated. Discussions were held on seniority rating under conditions nearly like those met when a contract with a textile plant is actually arbitrated. Simulated grievances were brought in by those taking part as union officials and they were argued by students who acted as plant managers. This class was taught by Joseph Glazer, assistant education director of the national union.

The students at the institute were all loyal union members and hold posts in the various local unions that sent them. They were extremely diligent and desirous of learning all that they could in what they termed an all too brief week.

Evening discussion periods were also held for the knowledge-hungry workers. Speakers gave lectures and the students asked questions and had them answered.

It was easy to see that many of the students attending classes had not been in school for quite a long time. Class room discipline was not up to par and many times instructors had to shout to make themselves heard over the hubbub that prevailed. The students were engaged much of the time in discussions of various things pertaining to labor-management rela-

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Alumnus Aids in Discovery

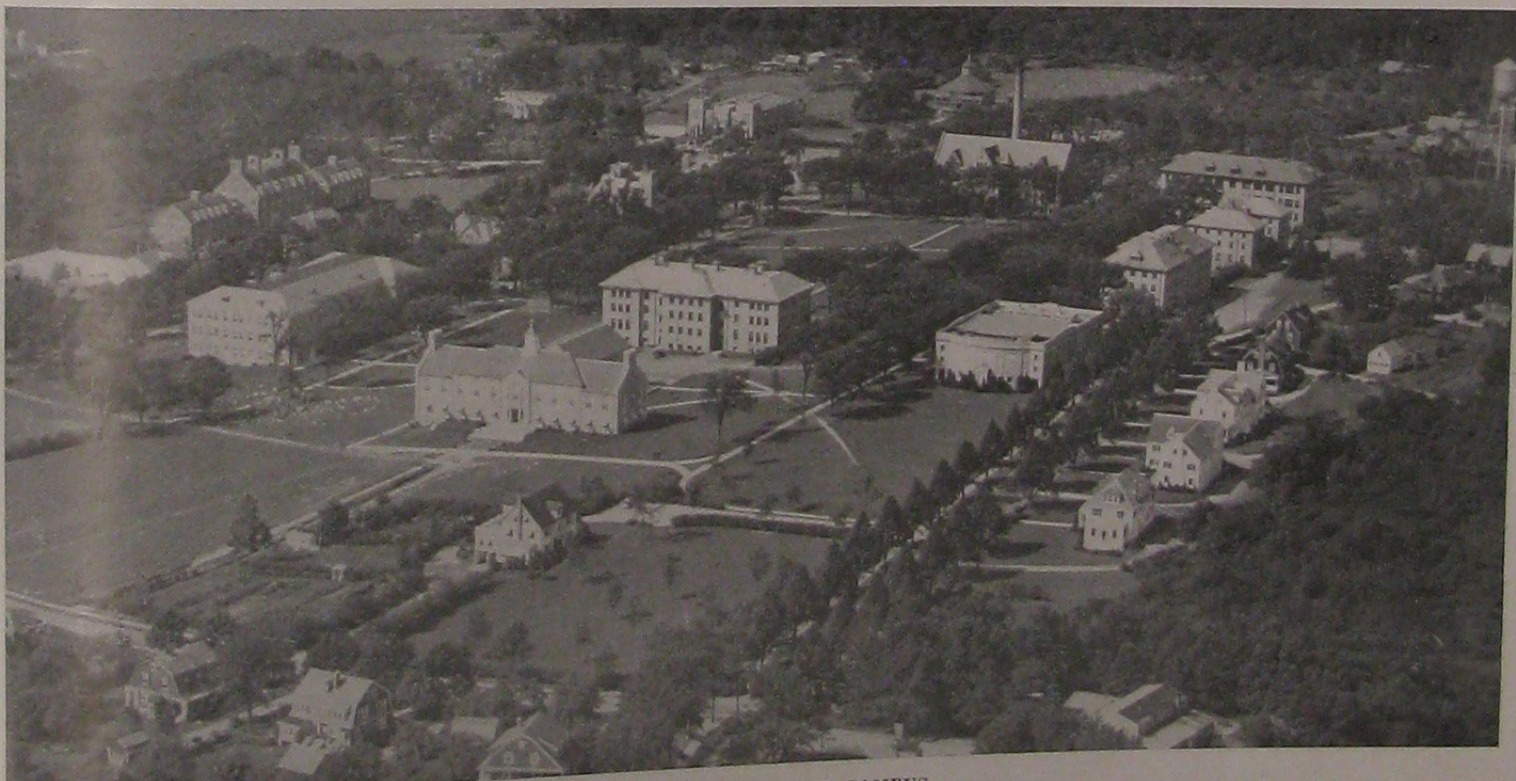
According to Dr. Donald B. Johnstone, '42, former science student at State College, who is now connected with the New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station at New Brunswick, N. J., soil from Bakini Atoll, scene of last year's atomic bomb tests, has yielded a new drug that has been found twice as powerful as streptomycin in checking tuberculosis germs.

Reporting the discovery to the Society of American Bacteriologists on May 16, Dr. Johnstone said the new drug, called "Streptomycetes II—Bikinensis," inhibits the growth of many bacteria and tests made on chick embryos indicate the drug is non-poisonous. He made no claim to have used it successfully on human beings.

Dr. Johnstone said the germ-inhibiting properties of the Bikini soil had nothing to do with atomic energy. Such soil may exist "in a thousand other places," he explained, adding that he happened to find it on Bikini while he was there as a scientific observer of "Operation Crossroads."

In his experiments at New Brunswick, Dr. Johnstone said he is aided by Dr. Salman Waksman, discoverer of streptomycin.

As an undergraduate, Dr. Johnstone was president of Phi Mu Delta, president of the Phi Sigma Society, and a member of the Satchems, Polygon, and the Beacon. He was employed in atomic bomb experiments at Bikini as a civilian scientist. He studied for his doctorate at Rutgers University.



AN AERIAL VIEW OF THE CAMPUS

Sports Parade

By Leo A. Chabot

The softball standings thus far show A E Pi definitely in the lead, while Davis Hall and Theta Chi are the only ones who have a chance of upsetting the league leaders. Here are the latest standings:

	Won	Lost	P.C.
A E Pi	6	1	.857
Davis Hall	4	2	.667
Theta Chi	4	3	.572
Frank's Regs.	2	2	.500
Hut No. 4	1	4	.200
Phi Mu Delta	0	3	.000

In the last encounter between A E Pi and Theta Chi, Theta Chi won by a score of 14-13 in a thrilling, nine inning game. In the first of the ninth with the score 11 all, Summer of A E Pi hit a circuit clout with one man on to place A E Pi in the lead 13-11. In the last of the ninth, however, Joe Fallon of Theta Chi, with three men on bases, hit a long double deep into left center to score three more runs and thus seal the game for Theta Chi 14-13. The big sticks for Theta Chi were Kramer, Fallon and Mitcherella; for A E Pi, Summer, Lazarus and Deitch. The pitchers were Kramer for Theta Chi and Warren for A E Pi.

The table tennis tourney is going very well. At the end of the second round the contestants are Sam Sarkisian, Finley, Emery and Rowe. Sarkisian is the man to watch, but anything can happen in the semi-finals and finals of this tournament.

In the High School Girls' table tennis tourney, Spector, Williams and Richter are leading in the second round, but there is still a first round match to be played between Helen Zucherman and Lynn Perry. (Let's get hep, you two.)

In the horseshoe tournament, none of the men have played. Miss Sue Daniels, Assistant Director of Student Activities at the Student Union, requests that the contestants in this tournament report to her to set dates for the first round. Please comply with this request as soon as possible.

A complete athletic program for members of the CIO convention is being prepared by Coach MacIntosh, supervisor of outdoor sports, and should provide plenty of action for our visitors.

Want Engineers for AAF

The U. S. Civil Service Commission has announced an examination for filling Engineer positions in Army Air Forces at Dayton and Wilmington, Ohio, at salaries ranging from \$3,397 to \$9,975 a year.

No written test is required of competitors for these positions. To qualify, they must have completed an engineering curriculum in a college or university, leading to a bachelor's degree; or have had four years of technical engineering experience, or a combination of such education and experience. In addition they must have had from one to four years of professional engineering experience. Graduate study in engineering may be substituted for as much as two years of this experience.

Detailed information and application forms may be secured from most first and second-class post offices, from Civil Service regional offices, and from the U. S. Civil Service Commission, Washington 25, D. C. Applications may be filed until further notice, and should be sent to the Executive Secretary, Board of U. S. Civil Service Examiners, Headquarters, Air Materiel Command, Wright Field (Area A-XCS), Dayton, Ohio. Persons who wish to be considered for positions to be filled immediately should file their applications by August 25, 1947.

Housing for Faculty

A program to provide immediate housing for new faculty members and to provide more adequate dwellings for the members of the present faculty has gotten underway. Robert D. Cashman, acting director of off-campus faculty housing, has announced.

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Mr. Keaney in Kentucky

(We are indebted to The Westerly Sun sports columnist, Mr. Leo Dotolo, for the following report on the Rhode Island coach's conquest of Kentucky)

Coach Frank W. Keaney, Rhode Island State cage mentor, appearing as guest instructor in basketball at the University of Kentucky's annual free clinic for high school coaches, tells southern listeners that aggressive athletic programs at Kentucky and the midwest place those sections of the country ahead of the east. A terrific showman, Keaney has drawn more than 250 mentors to his lectures in Lexington. "I haven't heard it," roared the maker of the Swish Kids at one of his performances, "but I can look around this campus and see what athletics has done for Kentucky."

"They're what you call very, very pure back east. May that never happen to you, gentlemen!"

"They think they are far ahead of you. They tell you that. But the truth is that you are just so far ahead of them that they can't see you."

"Would these high school coaches be getting all this instruction free without your aggressive athletic program? No, they wouldn't, and would Kentucky have this big gymnasium without the spectator funds that build it? No, and would your legislature have voted you that big field house for use of all students if your winning basketball team hadn't put public demand back of the project? No, you would be right where Rhode Island and the rest of the New England states are, using two Quonset huts for a student union building."

"I travel around. I go back to Rhode Island and I tell them that you and the rest of the Middle West are far ahead of them. They say, 'Oh no!' I say, 'you think I haven't got eyes. You think I can't see that beautiful student union building on Kentucky's campus, I know.'"

"You make money and you spend money. If we had the money you have we could make Rhode Island State's campus one of the prettiest in the world. But it can't compare with Kentucky's today. Our annual appropriation used to be \$250,000. It's up to \$748,000 now, but look at yours, over two million."

The colorful Rhode Island mentor is proving a big hit at the Kentucky clinic, and high school coaches throughout the state, attracted by reports of his fire horse basketball, have flocked to the lectures in unprecedented numbers. An outspoken critic of the facilities and conditions at Rhode Island State, Keaney will leave Kentucky for another clinic at East Stroudsburg Teachers' College, Pa.

The above information was channeled here by way of Connie Engle former Westerly girl now living in Louisville. . . Many readers may remember her as the former Connie Harvey, whose brother Jim was a three sport star at Westerly and R. I. State. . . Says Connie in commenting on the Keaney ap-

pearance in the Blue Grass country, "Since we in Westerly, and I do say we because it's my home town, feel pretty close to R. I. State and since so many of our Westerly High athletes have starred on State's various teams, I am sending you the interview one of the reporters had with Keaney in hopes you will be able to print it. I believe if more people knew how far advanced most all colleges are over Rhode Island, they might try to help the situation. Anyway, this article should open many an eye."

Incidentally, Connie reports that Jim is now a lieutenant (j. g.) in the regular Navy Air Corps stationed in Hawaii. He is flying the TBM and various other Navy planes. The former Rhode Island star, according to all reports, however, is still unable to dodge misfortune. He coached and played on the Squadron basketball team and would have come to the States to meet the winners of the Navy Circuit teams last winter if he hadn't broken his wrist in a game at the last minute. Harvey is now coaching and playing on the softball team and his chances to come to the States again look promising. Athletics are still a part of his life, just as they were in high school and college. This fall he will take over the Squadron football team and his chances to come baseball and track standout as a scholastic and collegiate competitor and on the State campus he is still remembered for the last second basket that gave the Ram cagers a one point triumph over Brown a number of years ago.

Labor Institute Sessions Held

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tions regardless of what the instructor happened to be saying.

Leonard Kulikowski, a textile worker and member of the union's executive board in Nashua, N. H., who has worked there for 16 years and has been a union member for five of those years, said about the institute. "The classes are very instructive and worthwhile." Margaret Dufour, a cone winder and shop steward, from New Bedford, Mass., said, "The institute is very interesting for people learning to make the union stronger."

These and many other comments were made favorable to the institute. Many, including Arthur Garand, a 55 year old union organizer and textile worker for 25 years in Nashua, N. H., who expressed the wish that these institutes could have been started a long time before. He said that he would have benefitted by the training offered by such an institute.

Recreation for the union representatives in the form of swimming and athletics were also attended by the weary people after the day's classes were over. They found they still had interest in such activities as softball and other athletic games.

Two Rams Get Coaching Jobs

Killingly High School of Danielson will pin its hopes of a sports revival on two former Rhode athletes. Engaged to lead the school out of the athletic wilderness this fall are Larry Panciera of Westerly, who graduated from State last February, and Al Nichols of Scituate, who received his diploma in June. Panciera will be athletic director and head coach of football and baseball, while Nichols will direct the basketball and track teams, in addition to teaching social studies.

Panciera is brother of Donald Panciera, one of the nation's top college quarterbacks, who is now at the University of San Francisco. His college career, interrupted by a stretch of Army duty, was highlighted by his brilliant play on the gridiron. He captained the Rams in his senior year from an end position. Paired on State lines in pre-war days, with Jim Harvey, also a Westerly High alumnus, Panciera was considered one of the best flankers in New England college gridiron circles.

In 1946, the Killingly eleven won three of 11 games playing a schedule that included games with Plainfield, Stonington, Windham, Stafford Springs, Enfield, Putnam, Norwich Free Academy, Marianpolis and Robert Fitch. Panciera will have several veterans of the last fall's team back this year, and plans to start football drills immediately after reporting to his new position on September 3.

Nichols was a crack member of Rhode Island State's basketball team for three years, distinguishing himself as both a forward and a guard. He was a captain of last year's team, which lost only three of the 17 games, and starred for the Rams in their spectacular bid for the National Invitation Tournament in New York during the 1946 season.

Van Johnson Host to Pastore and Dr. Walsh

Hollywood—Gov. John O. Pastore of Rhode Island and Dr. Michael F. Walsh, director of education in that state, were recent guests of Van Johnson here. Walsh was dean of boys at Rogers High School in Newport, R. I., when Van, who is a Newport native, was a student there doing amateur theatrical work. He laid the foundation for his career. Van took time off from movie duties to take his Rhode Island visitors around the lot, introducing them to numerous stars, including Lana Turner, Lurel Barrymore and George M. Cohan. Van is now finishing a picture and then will take a week off some deep sea fishing, a new sport for him.

"Ho Hum—Oh, Pshaw"

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Miss Nance McDuff, who up to this point had remained silent, entered the discussion and made the somewhat cryptic remark "Shaw defends himself."

It was impossible to question Miss McDuff further in regard to this statement since the new classes were beginning and it was necessary to disband.

In the corridor outside the classroom, the argument continued in its raging. Many who had not entered into the formal discussion became embroiled.

Although Chatelien was badly outnumbered in his fight supporting Shaw he seemed to take it philosophically. The writer of the article thinks, however, that Dr. Simmons has not heard the last of George Bernard Shaw and may regret the day he ever learned about the man, for it seems quite possible that he will hear enough of him before the Summer School session is over!

Nichols plans to introduce State's famous firehorse type of basketball at Killingly.

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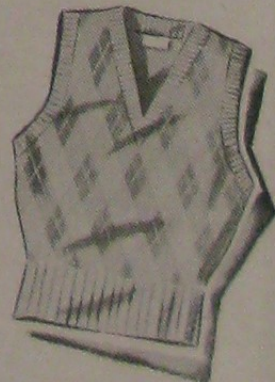
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